

HQT and Title I Teachers

Although NCLB indicates that teachers providing the primary instruction in Core Academic Subjects must meet the requirements for Highly Qualified Teachers (HQT), anyone teaching in a Title I classroom must meet the HQT requirements even though they are, by definition, providing supplemental instruction. ***Since the 2002-2003 school year, all Title I teachers must be HQT at the time of hire.***

In order to meet the provisions of Title I, teachers paid with Title I funds must:

1. Hold at least a bachelor's degree;
2. Must hold full Indiana teacher certification;
3. Must be appropriately licensed for the assignment; AND
4. Must demonstrate subject matter knowledge by one of the following methods:

Elementary Core Curricula:

- a. Have taken and passed either the NTE specialty area exam for Elementary Education (#0010) or the Praxis II exam for Elementary Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (#0011); or NTE/Praxis II exam for K-3rd grade only (#0020); OR
- b. Have earned national board certification (NBCT); OR
- c. Have earned 100 points in elementary content using the HOUSSE* rubric. ***Note: The Indiana HOUSSE rubric must NOT be used to demonstrate Highly Qualified Teaching requirements by anyone hired after the 2006-2007 school year or anyone who has changed Core Academic Subject teaching assignments since the 2006-2007 school year; OR**
- d. Have Highly Qualified Teacher status verification from another state.

Junior High/Middle/High School Core Academic Subjects (CAS): ONE of the following for EACH CAS taught:

- a. Have taken and passed the appropriate NTE or PRAXIS II content knowledge exam(s);
- b. Have at least twenty-four (24) semester hours in the content area(s) (not including education courses);
- c. Have earned a bachelor's or higher degree in the subject area(s) (not an education degree);
- d. Have earned national board certification (NBCT) in the subject area(s);
- e. Have earned 100 points in the content area using the HOUSSE* rubric. ***Note: The Indiana HOUSSE must NOT be used to demonstrate Highly Qualified Teaching requirements by anyone hired after the 2006-2007 school year or anyone who has changed CAS assignments since the 2006-2007 school year; or**
- f. Have Highly Qualified Teacher status verification through content area testing from another state.

Preschool Teachers: Preschool Teachers providing instruction in Title I settings **do not need to meet HQT requirements.**

Instructional Paraprofessionals: Paraprofessionals providing instructional support in Title I settings **must meet HQT requirements.**